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Re: House Bill 4610, Senate Bill 578 and Senate Bill 496 (collectively, the "Equestrian Bills")

Ladies and Gentlemen:

I am Marne Smiley, the Executive Director of the Michigan Mountain Biking Association and I am here to testify on SB 578 and HB 4618.

Although the MMBA was not in support of the original bills, we do support these bills as they stand with their substitutions. We would also encourage the recommendation of the MMBA have representation on the planning processes as we move forward, particularly on the soon to be newly formed Snowmobile and Trail Advisory Committee.

The MMBA supports the public having various opportunities to engage in activities in the great outdoors of Michigan, and wants to see all activities thrive to the best of their ability. Our members value all user groups and look forward to working together all user groups to help establish a network of horse trails that will maximize the recreational use of everyone,

Thank you for your time and if you would like to learn more about the MMBA, please visit our website at www.mmba.org.

-Marne Smiley
Executive Director

The Michigan Mountain Biking Association (MMBA) is a 501(C)(3) charitable non-profit corporation. We have over 2,500 members within nine chapters throughout Michigan. We are one of the largest affiliates of the International Mountain Bicycling Association (IMBA.)

The mission of the MMBA is to promote responsible mountain biking and to work toward the goals of common land access and natural resource protection through interaction with policy makers, the cycling industry, race promoters, mountain bikers and other trail users. Our membership represents all levels of riders, from beginners to world champion racers. Our common passion for trail riding and stewardship brings us together as a collective voice.

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